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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE SUBMITTAL DATE FOR THE REVISED INTEGRATED  
 REMEDIAL DESIGN PACKAGE FOR AREAS 3B, 4B, AND 5**

- References:
1. Letter from J. W. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Transmittal of the Integrated Remedial Design Package for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5," dated September 30, 2002
  2. Letter from J. Saric to J. Reising, "Area 3B/4B/5 IRDP," dated November 26, 2002
  3. Letter from T. Schneider to J. W. Reising, "Disapproval - IP for Area 3B/4B/5," dated November 26, 2002.

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval to extend the date for submittal of the revised Integrated Remedial Design Package (IRDP) for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5. As indicated in Reference 1, the Department of Energy, Fernald Closure Project (DOE-FCP) submitted the draft IRDP for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5 on September 30, 2002. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), via Reference 2, disapproved the package with comments and requested a revised document and associated comment responses within thirty days receipt of their letter. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) (Reference 3) disapproved the IRDP citing their concerns of incomplete pre-design characterization. Further, the OEPA indicated that DOE should complete the pre-design investigation prior to re-submitting the revised IRDP documentation.

As a result of the disapproval letters, DOE felt it was appropriate (as also suggested by the USEPA) to meet with the USEPA and OEPA prior to re-submittal of the IRDP. In early to mid December 2002, a meeting was set up with the USEPA and OEPA (January 29, 2003)

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to discuss your comments and the status of the on-going pre-design characterization efforts. From our discussions on January 29, 2003, it was agreed that DOE would revise and update the IRDP to address the comments raised and re-submit it to the USEPA and OEPA by March 31, 2003. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to formally request your approval to submit the revised IRDP and responses to your comments by March 31, 2003.

As presented in the January 29 meeting, significant progress has been made to complete characterization and bounding of most of the areas in Areas 3B and 4B that have above waste acceptance criteria conditions. The revised IRDP would include all the newly generated data for each of the bounded areas and also conservatively bound, using all the available data, the small number of remaining questionable areas where on-going Decontamination and Dismantlement (D&D) work still prevents the completion of necessary pre-design characterization activities. After the remaining characterization work is performed following D&D, DOE will submit an addendum to the revised IRDP to update the characterization of these areas. DOE anticipates that this addendum could be submitted to the USEPA and OEPA in late summer or early fall.

If you should have any questions, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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